Dr Wife

White Plains August 14th 1778

Yours of the 11th Instant with the two Shirts by Capt Moodie Came safe to hand Yesterday for which I am Much Obliged to you I am Glad to hear you are all well Except Little Betsey who I hope is not Dangerous My Dear I Long to see You and the Children but I Cant tell when that happy time will Come having the Charge of a Large Brigade here all of the New York Troops Genl Sullivan who Commands our army at Rhode Island Landed safe on the Island Last Sunday or Monday Much About the same time the English fleet from New York Appeared in sight, the french fleet who was then in the Harbour Made sail in Pursuit of them receiving some Shot from their Batteries which they Returned this was just before this Storm and where both fleets are Drove to time must tell Much Depends on the success of this Expedition which I hope will be fortunate if so we may soon Manage them here If I have an Opportunity I will write to Alexr and Charles at Hurly Charles New Kirk is here and well Likewise Andrew Harkness Abraham Hardenbergh a Son of Lendert Hardenbergh and Simeon DeWitt I am Glad to hear you have your Harvest in and am Much Oblidged to James and John Burnet for their Assistance Tell John Burnet that Capt Porter his Brother in law Called on me to Enquire after him and to know if I Expected him Down here I told him I Could not tell But if his Buissness would — permit him I would Advise him to Come for two reasons one to see his Brother in law and the Other Concerning his own Affairs which perhaps I Can Assist him in, I hope you are in no Danger of the tories but I would Advise the Negroes to stay at home and keep their Guns Loaded by them

turn over

I would not Advice you to part with Any of the Hay but I am Afraid it will keep them Late with Sowing the wheat though I hope they will do the best they Can if they are Late it would be best one of them begun to plow before the Hay was Done while the Rest works at the Hay but as I Cant be at home you Must Do what you think best though I Dont Expect you are in that Situation that you Can see Much About it Your self Tell Mrs Furman I have nothing Particular from Johny My Cousin John Beaty is Appointed Comy. of Prisoners who was Confined with them his self and I make no Doubt will get them Released as quick as Possible In the Mean time Must Conclude with my Love to you the Children My Mother Mrs Furman Jenny And the Rest of the family if they behave well Tell Peter I want some More Tobaco 3 or 4 pound will do which Capt Stewart the Bearer of this will bring me You may tell Peg Lette is here with Cornelius and well I am Your Loving Husband

James Clinton

tell Mrs Furman if Johny Comes here first I will Send for her

To Mrs Clinton 14 Augt
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